

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1286

Introduced by Assembly Member Mayes

February 27, 2015

An act to add Chapter 5.9 (commencing with Section 8490) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1286, as introduced, Mayes. Economic Growth Commission.

Existing law establishes the Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy in state government with a specified membership and independent state oversight duties.

This bill would establish the Economic Growth Commission, composed of 13 members appointed by the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly, as specified. This bill would require 4 of the 13 members of the commission to be Members of the Legislature who are to be considered a joint committee of the 2 houses of the Legislature constituted and acting as an investigating committee. This bill would authorize the commission, on its own motion, to make reports and recommendations to assist the Legislature and Governor in respect to the holistic impact of all levels of state and local regulations on specific industries operating within the state. This bill would deem the commission to be within the executive branch of state government, but prohibit the commission from being subject to the control or direction of any officer or employee of the executive branch, except in connection with the appropriation of funds approved by the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5.9 (commencing with Section 8490) is added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 5.9. ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION

8490. There is in the state government the Economic Growth Commission, hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “commission.” The commission shall be composed of 13 members as follows:

(a) Five members of the public shall be appointed by the Governor.

(b) Two members of the public shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(c) Two members of the public shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(d) Two Members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. These members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but shall not be registered with the same political party. If a member, while serving on the commission, registers with the same political party as the other member, the Senate Committee on Rules shall replace one of the members with a new member who is not registered with the same political party as the remaining member.

(e) Two Members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. These members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but shall not be registered with the same political party. If a member, while serving on the commission, registers with the same political party as the other member, the Speaker of the Assembly shall replace one of the members with a new member who is not registered with the same political party as the remaining member.

(f) (1) The members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, shall serve four-year terms and may be reappointed for additional terms.

1 (2) To establish staggered terms of membership for members
2 appointed pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, on or before
3 March 1, 2016, the Governor shall select two of his or her five
4 appointees, and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker
5 of the Assembly shall each select one of its two appointees, to
6 serve one term of two years. Thereafter, all members appointed
7 pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, shall serve terms in
8 compliance with paragraph (1).

9 (g) All vacancies in the commission membership shall be filled
10 in the same manner in which original appointments were made.

11 8490.5. For the purposes of expenditures for the support of the
12 commission, including the expenses of the members of the
13 commission, the commission shall be deemed to be within the
14 executive branch of state government, but the commission shall
15 not be subject to the control or direction of any officer or employee
16 of the executive branch except in connection with the appropriation
17 of funds approved by the Legislature.

18 8490.10. The members of the commission shall serve without
19 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses
20 actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

21 8490.15. For the purposes of this chapter, the Members of the
22 Legislature serving as members of the commission shall be
23 considered a joint committee of the two houses of the Legislature
24 constituted and to be acting as an investigating committee, and as
25 such shall have the powers and duties imposed on such committees
26 by the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly.

27 8490.20. The commission shall select from among its members
28 a chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall not be registered as
29 members of the same political party.

30 8490.25. Six members of the commission shall constitute a
31 quorum.

32 8490.30. It is the purpose of the Legislature to establish a
33 multibody commission, composed of individuals with varied, but
34 relevant, experiences and viewpoints to analyze the holistic impact
35 of all levels of state and local regulations on specific industries
36 operating within the state.

37 8490.35. The commission, on its own motion, may, for the
38 purpose of making reports and recommendations to assist the
39 Legislature and Governor in respect to the matters listed in Section
40 8490.30, examine in detail the structure, organization, operation,

- 1 and impact of all levels of state and local regulations on specific
- 2 industries operating within the state. The commission may make
- 3 recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature as the
- 4 commission deems necessary.

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